(d) if not, whether the Ministry has withheld reimbursement of Rs. 206 crore to Kolkata Port Trust, as reported in the news-item; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VED PRAKASH GOYAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) In the contract between Kolkata Port Trust and HAM Dredging & Marine Contractors, there was a provision for increasing depth at Jellingham by 1.5 metres from the prevailing level of the river bed in the shipping channel with vertical tolerance of 0.5 metres.

(d) and (e) The Ministry has not withheld reimbursement of Rs. 206 crores to Kolkata Port Trust, as reported in the news-item. The Ministry reimburses expenditure incurred by Kolkata Port on maintenance dreding on the basis of expenditure certified by the Principal Director of Audit, Central, Kolkata. As per the present policy, entire expenditure certified by the Audit is reimbursable to Kolkata Port.

Review committee for income criteria for creamy layer among OBCs

*575. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Committee to review the income crietria for identification of creamy layer among Other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already decided to constitute a Committee to review the income criteria for identification of 'Creamy Layer' among OBCs and is in the process of finalizing its constitution.

Funds for various corporations

*576. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the various corporations for the economic upliftment of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes during the year 2001;